

File 16

Field notes of Connecting
Lines in Brazoria Co
between
Brazos River & Flores Bayou
Surveys. - vicinity Angleton.

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Field Notes of a survey
made in Brazoria County, for the
purpose of connecting the Brazos River Leagues
with the surveys on the West side of Flower
Bayou, and to define the West lines of the latter.

Survey made March 6th to 12th 1853

Galvin Smith } Chain Carrier
Mike Coulson }

J. M. Jenison } Flagman
A. Le Baume }

Beginning at an old cedar post marked "S.E. Cor.
of J.B.
L."
recognized by adjoining owners as the S.E.

Corner of the John Bradley League, on the East side of the
Brazos River; which post has been regarded as said
corner for over 40 years. An umbrella shaped L.O. 12" in di.
mk'd "X" bears N 23° W 172.7 Vrs. And another L.O. 4" in di. bears
S 64° W 114.1 Vrs. Thence (with Var 7° 55' E,) N 89° 37' E. 1268.7 Vrs.

to an iron pipe 2" in di. and 3 ft. high, which stands by a
Live Oak post 5 ft. high, this being the recognized N.E.
Corner of the Wm Roberts League.

Thence South, at 363.6 Vrs, pass a Live Oak post, the
S.W. corner of a tract of 50 Acs out of the Valdemar League
belonging to S. J. Jenison, at 568 Vrs. pass a Hackberry
post. about 5 feet high, the recognized N.W. Corner, of
the A. Roberts League. At 2108.6 Vrs. to a L.O. post
about 8 inches square and 8 feet high, the S.E. Cor. of the
Wm Roberts League, the S.W. Corner of the A. Roberts League,
the N.E. Corner of the Cornelius Smith League and the N.W.
Corner of the Paul F. Roberts survey. from which a double
Live Oak, the South prong of which is 12" in di. and marked "≡"
on each side (very old marks) and the North prong of which is
14" in di. standing on the West bank of a Slough,
in the South line of the Wm Roberts League bears due
West (Var 8° 20' E) 1242.7 Vrs. And a Hackberry 10" in di.
marked "≡" (new bearing marked by me) bears S 38° 10' E 86.2 Vrs.

Thence North (with Var 8° 45' E) 139 Vrs. to a point,

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Thence East, at 971 Paces pass a post marked "X" for S. E. Corner of A. Roberts Labor at a corner of a wire fence, at 3138 $\frac{1}{2}$ Paces cross the Valdes Terminal R.R. At 4344 Paces an iron pipe set for S. E. Cor. of Valdesas Survey.

Thence North 2403 Paces to an iron pipe set for S. W. Corner of F. S. Lee Survey and N. W. Cor. of J. T. Finley Survey.

5 Thence East, at 3235 Paces ~~and only~~ ~~and~~ ~~reaching~~ ~~S. E.~~ at 4029 $\frac{1}{2}$ Paces set a temporary stake at end of distance given in the field notes of the Lee and Finley Surveys.

Thence N 63° E 3982 Paces to a temporary stake at edge of timber. 4102 Paces to bank of Flour Bayou. Was unable at this point or near it to find any trace of any corner or line trees. I returned then to temporary stake set at 3982 Paces point in last named line and ran S 27° E hunting for a line running into the Bayou and finally found a very old line in which I found three large Live Oak trees, with very old blazes from left standing in a course of S 63° W. from the Bayou, S 27° E 432 Paces from my last stake at edge of timber.

I then followed the old line N 63° E. to the bank of the Bayou where I set a stake from which a Red Oak with an old X mark, leaning over the Bayou bears N 54° W 10 Paces. And a L. O. about 40" in di. but with no perceptible mark, bears S 33° E 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Paces. I found no Pecan trees to answer a position N 26° W 5 Paces.

6 I searched up and down the Bayou and only found, 32 Paces N 27° W. from my line, on the bank of the Creek, a L. O. about 40" in di. marked with a blaze on the North side, and from which a leaning Pecan bears N 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 24 Paces, but without any marks.

I believe these are the trees which Messrs Barrow and Harris considered to be the bearing trees for the lower corner of the Patrick Survey, and which I understand they describe or such in the notes of connecting lines returned to the General Land Office.

I then started at a point N 43° W 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Paces from this ^{blazed} L. O. tree and ran S 63° W. through the timber to the prairie, myself and all my men carefully searching for marked trees, but

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we found none on either side for a considerable distance north of the old line before mentioned, and I became satisfied that this is the old line originally marked.

I returned to my stake set at the West bank of Flower Bayou as before described and ran S 63° W. at 45 Vars, a L.O. 36" in di. marked with old blazes fore and aft. At 325 Vars another L.O. marked in same way and at 390 Vars another also blazes, fore and aft. And all these standing in a line S 63° W. at 1552 Vars to a point, where I set a temporary stake. Thence N 27° W at 2000 Vars, set a temporary stake.

Thence ran N 63° E to Flower Bayou and about 150 Vars above the point of intersection on the East bank of the Bayou I found two large Live Oak trees very plainly marked thus: "X" and marks very old.

From the most Southern of these two trees I set a stake N 37° W 10 Vars, which I found to be exactly 9 Vars N 78° W from the most Northern of these trees.

This stake is at the very edge of the Bayou, in a depression and a small tree might have stood here 50 years ago, and have been washed away since.

This corner is undoubtedly the original corner made by Seth Ingram for the West corner of League No 4 in 1830.

I then set a stake S 63° W from this corner about 20 Vars on the West bank of the Bayou for the N. E. Cor. of the G. M. Patrick Survey from which a Live Oak marked "Y" bears N 4° W and a L.O. 10" in di. marked "X" bears N 25° W 0.7 Vars.

Thence S 63° W at 360 Vars leave timber. At 1274 Vars passed a point 139.4 Vars N 27° W from North end of my line N 27° W 2000 Vars. At 2120 Vars planted a cedar post for the S. W. corner of Henry Austin League No 5. At 3031 Vars set a cedar post for the N. W. corner of said G. M. Patrick's league survey.

Thence S 27° E 2139.4 Vars to a point S 63° W 3309 Vars from the S. E. Cor. of said Patrick Survey

on Flower Bayou as set by me. Set an iron pipe for S. E. Cor. of F. S. Lee Survey.

10 Thence $S 63^{\circ} W$. at 727 Vars set another iron pipe for the N. E. Cor. of the J. F. Finley and another corner of the F. S. Lee Survey, from which the N. W. Corner of the Finley Survey, as set by D. M. Fran bears West 4982 Vars.

11 I then returned to the S. W. Corner of Austin League No 5 as set by me and ran $N 27^{\circ} W$ 3500 Vars and set a temporary stake. Thence $N 63^{\circ} E$ 3996 Vars to bank of Flower Bayou, 11.5 Vars $S 27^{\circ} E$ from an old plainly marked line running the right course and having 2 trees on the East bank and 3 trees on the West side of the Bayou marked as line trees. The width of timber on the Bayou at this point is about 100 Vars.

As no corners were made at the crossing of this line and to test if this was the original line I crossed the Bayou and ran $N 63^{\circ} E$, and struck Austin Bayou at 2892 Vars as given in the original field notes.

I found here a Live Oak with an old mark which appeared to be of the same age as the marks here to four found and being informed by Calvin Smith, one of my chain carriers, who also acted as chain carrier for Mr Barrow when he ran the line from the lower corner of the Hall, Bradley and Angier Leagues on Chocolate Bayou, that they they struck the East bank of Austin Bayou at the same point. I became convinced,

12 after a thorough search for other marks and a failure to find them that the line found by me on Flower Bayou was the original line. I returned to the

crossing of Flower Bayou and made a very thorough search on both sides of the line for other marks, but failed to find any line.

The intersection of this old line with Flower Bayou is $N 27^{\circ} W$ 11.5 Vars and $N 63^{\circ} E$ 3996 Vars, from the stake set by me at the end of course $N 27^{\circ} W$ 3500 Vars.

I returned to that stake and measured $N 27^{\circ} W$ 11.5 Vars and planted an iron pipe 3 ft. high for the N. W. corner of Henry Austin League no. 5.

Thence $S 63^{\circ} W$ at 664 Vars set an iron pipe 3 ft. high for S. W. corner of Henry Austin League no 6.

Thence $N 27^{\circ} W$ at 3463 Vars crossed Prairie branch of Flour Bayou about 4 Vars wide. At 3550 Vars set a cedar stake for N. W. corner of Austin League no 6.

Thence $N 63^{\circ} E$ 1516 Vars to West bank of Flour Bayou 1520 Vars to center of same.

Note: The distance to Prairie branch of Flour Bayou on the West line of Austin League no 6 does not agree with the call of 3300 Vars in the original field notes by 163 Vars. I had found an excess of 139.4 Vars in the width of the Patrick Survey, also a slight excess in the width of Austin League no 5. For the purpose of testing if an extension of any of the lines of League no 6 would strike the small creek at 3300 Vars and Flour Bayou also at 1520 Vars, I meandered both creeks for a considerable distance but could not find any place where the small creek ran Southward, it having a course about parallel with the North line of the league. There being no doubt as to the correct location of the North and South lines of League no 5, for the reasons stated before, and as the principal call in the North line of League no 6, for Flour Bayou, agrees with all the identified lines, I am inclined to believe that the call for Prairie branch at 3300 Vars is a clerical error in the notes. Especially as the South East corner of the Abbott, which is 250 Vars from the N. W. cor. of no 6, would fall in the center of the creek and no such call appears in the field notes. I then returned to the N. W. cor. of League no 6; Thence $S 27^{\circ} E$, at 250 Vars planted an

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iron pipe for the N.E. Cor. of the J. W. Cloud Survey; Thence West, at 1447 ⁰m cross
Prairie branch of Flower Bayou, 5154 ⁰m to a point
92 ⁰m North of an iron pipe 4 ft. high set
for the N.E. corner of the ~~Wm~~ Parker League.

This iron pipe was set by S. M. Farr in 1890, at the intersection
of a line run ~~more~~ 853 ⁰m. from the S.E. Cor. of the south
half of the Wm Parker League, as subdivided shortly after
the original survey of said League, and of a line run
East from the original North line of the Parker League
through the timber. This iron pipe stands

57 ⁰m North of an old stake set for the N.W. Corner
of Tho's Jamison's Preemption Survey from which stake
a line oak now 30" in di. marked "X" (very old marker) bears
S 45 1/2° E 122 ⁰m. The N.E. Corner of the Wm Parker
League being the beginning point of the Joshua Abbott
Survey. And the North line of the Cloud running West
from the S.E. Corner of the Abbott, this line has a
course of S 89° W to said Parker Corner.

I next went to an iron pipe set by Farr for
the N.E. Corner of Jamison's 180 Acre Survey,
due East 963 ⁰m, from its original N.W. Corner and
972 ⁰m due North from its original S.E. Corner,
and ran North 73.7 ⁰m, and planted an iron pipe in
the South line of the Abbott Survey 4191 ⁰m, S 89° W
from its S.E. Corner, for the N.W. Corner of
said J. W. Cloud Survey.

I, J. A. Donaldson, Surveyor of Brazoria County
do hereby Certify that the foregoing report and field
notes is a true and correct representation of the work
done by me at the times above mentioned and that
the same is recorded in my office in Record Book
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J. A. Donaldson

County Surveyor Brazoria County,
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